

AGENDA
Nevada City Fire Safety Advisory Committee

December 3, 2020, 5:30-7:00 pm, via Zoom

Committee members: Chair, Mayor Minett, Vice-Chair Sam Gitchee, Sam Goodspeed, Terry Anderson, Carrie Monohan, Annette Seabury, Richard Thomas, Teri Voorhes; Facilitator Pete Williams

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Public attendance:
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- 2. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email to Mayor Minett at erin4nevadacity@gmail.com before 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2020, Please limit comments to 200 words or less. Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. If you are attending the meeting via Zoom, public comments will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting.**
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Chair, Mayor Minett, Vice-Chair Sam Gitchel, Sam Goodspeed, Terry Anderson, Carrie Monohan, Annette Seabury, Richard Thomas, Teri Voorhes; Facilitator Pete Williams
3. Project Scope Reminder (Erin)
"To promote public fire safety and community involvement to protect Nevada City residents, business owners, visitors and structures from wildfire. Establish objectives to support overall vegetation management and wildfire mitigation, identify funding sources, and promote public education and awareness."
4. Meeting purposes
 - a. Review progress and identify next steps on City Slivers
 - B. Update on
5. Public comment
6. Announcements from committee members (All)
7. Review/approve October 21 minutes (All)
9. Project updates
Desired outcome: update information; determine next steps
 - a. City slivers
 - Spring Street work day -- review and comment (All)
 - Spring Street adoption -- next steps
 - Go Fund Me
 - Adoption agreement
 - Grant proposal
 - b. Nevada City website (Teri)
 - Firewise contact info (Richard)
 - Mapping feature (Carrie)
11. Next meeting: { DATE } Review Action log/status of projects
12. +/- plus-delta (Pete)
13. Adjournment

Minutes (3 pages)
October 21, 2020, 5:30 - 6:35 p.m. via Zoom

Present NAME EMAIL/PHONE ACTION ITEMS

X Erin Minett, Chair City Council	peteandsuewi@sbcglobal.net (916) 965-4561	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Erin to prepare the next meeting agenda
X Pete Williams, Facilitator	sam.goodspeed@nevadacity.ca.gov (530) 957-9892	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise on Nov 14 Spring St workday
X Sam Goodspeed, NC Fire	samgitchel@gmail.com 530 470 3200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate Nov 14 Spring St workday with Richard Thomas
X Sam Gitchel, Greater Champions on FWC	itstea@gmail.com 530 264 7089	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create text for NC Website along with Anderson/Voorhes • Recover quickly from knee surgery
X Terry Anderson, Willow Valley FWC	Teriryan13@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Nevada County protocol/standards in regards to fire prevention sprinkler systems • Create text for NC website along with Gitchel/Voorhes
X Teri Voorhes, Deer Cr South side FWC	650 740 9678 randtthomas@sbcglobal.net 530 264 6740	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take meeting minutes and work with Erin to publish • Intro at Nov 18 City Council meeting • Create text for NC Website along with Anderson/Gitchel • Create Google Form wish list for City Slivers
X Richard Thomas, Deer Cr South side FWC	netsnuthouse@yahoo.com 925 642 3799	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate Nov 14 Spring St work day with Sam Gitchel • Recap Spring St workday at Nov 18 City Council meeting
Absent Annette Seabury, Greater Cement Hill FWC	carrie.monohan@sierrafund.org 530 265 8454 ext. 214	
X Carrie Monohan, The Sierra Fund erinrminett@gmail.com 530 263 7102	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Sam Gitchel to prepare the next meeting agenda and post. • Advise on Nov 14 Spring St workday • Host Dec 2 meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present at Nov 18 City Council meeting • Finalize GoFundMe for

Adopt-A-Sliver/ City Slivers program

• Monitor WUI grant status

Next meeting: Wednesday, Dec 2 5:30 pm, Zoom Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order 5:30pm by Erin Minett.
2. Roll Call: Absent: Annette Seabury. Lilly Trejo, a CSU Student was present.
3. Project Scope Reminder: Erin reviewed our Project Scope to set the tone for the meeting. "To promote public fire safety and community involvement to protect Nevada City residents, business owners, visitors and structures from wildfire. Establish objectives to support overall vegetation management and wildfire mitigation, identify funding sources, and promote public education and awareness."
4. Meeting #7 purpose:
 - Revise our subcommittee structure to fit current projects and introduce Action Log
 - Update on fire-protection sprinkler systems
 - Review progress on projects underway
 - City Council presentation
5. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
6. Announcements from Committee Members: Erin reminded all that Oct 24 there will be Green waste and clean up and Pioneer Park/Nevada City from 9-2. Open to Nevada City residents. Nevada City businesses can drop off as well. Lightbulbs can be dropped off as well.
7. Review/Approve October minutes: No changes. Sam Gitchel moved to pass Unanimous. 8.

Discuss fire-protection sprinkler systems:

Continued our conversation from October's meeting regarding the increase in interest for fire-protection sprinkler systems. Terry Anderson has experience using these in Alaska. Terry/Sam Gitchel/Teri went on a field trip and saw examples of low-tech and well integrated systems. Terry recapped the group on the Willow Valley system which uses a water storage tank and Honda pump. There are many factors to consider - stand alone system-how long to run-where is your water source-run on wi-fi-do we have water capacity and delivery system to support increase in sprinkler systems? Sam Goodspeed feels this is not a problem at this time as there is not widespread usage. Erin brought up knowing there are regulations of water usage, in Citrus Heights they use timers. She knows of sprinkler systems that use water from resident's swimming pools. Carrie Monohan brought up when building there are standards/ codes to follow from Nevada County. She provided a link to the group of the flyer provided. Terry Anderson will follow up with Nevada County to get a better understanding. The committee will continue to look into this and educate ourselves on the various options. Possibility of coordinating a water treatment plant tour in the future.

9. Project updates:

A. Adopt a sliver: Funding proposal/Properties/Go Fund Me. Carrie Monohan practiced her Nov 18 City Council presentation which brought us all up to speed on the Adopt a Sliver program. She will

make some changes to the mapping prior to Nov 18. We reviewed the verbiage for the Go Fund Me.

We are seeking to raise \$7,575.00 however we can adjust to accept more donations to be put forward to future sliver maintenance. We will need to define/clarify procedures for maintaining as we move forward. Arborist making the call for trees to remove - Sam Goodspeed brought up tree removal permits and working with City Engineer. Randall Frizzell/arborist will be advising on the Spring Street sliver and Sam Goodspeed advised refer to the hazardous vegetation ordinance for guidance. Bubba Highsmith has agreed to pick up cleared waste on a weekly basis for adopted slivers. Pete Williams wants to make sure we clarify in the presentation that "adopt" does not equal "ownership". He recommends we make clarify small slivers vs. large parcels. What is our plan for large parcels? The city will continue to tackle those with Washington Ridge crew however Sam Goodspeed reported it is harder to obtain crews for clearing them as COVID has decreased numbers of crew available. Carrie wondered if controlled burns in larger parcels would be an option. Sam Goodspeed said not at this time. Terry A pointed out that prescribed burns are not always a good thing as grass comes back. Erin and Sam Goodspeed spoke about goats as areas they tackled are now overgrown. Goats are not in the plans but are more effective for hard to reach areas but are a short-term solution.

Sam Gitchel and Richard Thomas gave an update on the November 14th Spring Street Volunteer day. Get out the word as they are recruiting volunteers.

B. Nevada City Website: Teri V. Is working with Dawn Zydonis. Teri V. Will meet with Sam Gitchel/Terry Anderson to create and provide text/verbiage to Dawn and she can cut/paste into website. We will ensure that the mapping feature is incorporated in these changes. Teri V will also work on a Google Form for residents to add city owned slivers to a "future wish list".

10. Discuss subcommittee structure and Action Log: Sam Gitchel reviewed a move towards maintaining an Action Log vs. Subcommittee reports. It will be modeled off Action Log created by Pam Esmon, Deer Creek Southside. Carrie requested it be maintained in Google Sheets with capability for all to view. Sam Gitchel will be set up as Editor.
11. Next meeting - Wednesday, December 2 at 5:30pm: Current plan is to meet via Zoom. Erin asked that we all take a minute and be excited to look how far we have come in a short period of time.
12. +/-: Richard Thomas wanted to update us on a couple of items: Dawn Z , using past Volunteer forms and Liability forms will email participants and see if they'd like to be added to a Fire-Safety Volunteer list. Richard has also been working on creating a list of all Nevada City Firewise Communities, include a contact person/phone number/email. He will provide this to Bob Long, Coalition of Firewise Communities once complete. We will also see to it that it is included on Nevada City website. For +/-: Teri V. thanked Carrie for her thorough City Slivers presentation. Exciting to see this all come together. Sam G commented that we stayed on time. Erin/Richard/Sam commented that we are looking for 6-8 volunteers for Spring St clearing. No need to cast the net wide for this project.
13. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.
-- Notes taken by Teri Voorhes